(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by Aligarh Muslim University, a news-item had appeared in a local newspaper on 7.12.1991 regarding alleged tampering with the marks of some students who had appeared in the M.B.B.S. (First Professional) examination conducted by Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College of Aligarh Muslim University in 1991. Subsequently, the University also received a representation containing similar allegations. The University is looking into the matter.

[*English*]

AIDS Scare at Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Delhi

1148. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "AIDS scare in Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Doctors agitated over lab lapse' appearing in the Hindustan Times dated January 15, 1992; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to avoid recurrence of such cases in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Government has seen the News item.

(b) As per report received from Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital no HIV positive blood was issued to the patient (Mr. Shamim, 18 year old male). Patients' mother donated blood at the time of operation and was routinely tested for HIV infection and found positive. The blood was discarded and sent for incineration.

The patient Shamim received three units of blood from three different HIV negative donors. The patient was also tested for HIV test and found negative. Hence there was a no exposure of the hospital staff to possible infection from AIDS virus during the operation. Also, there was no lapse on the part of the Blood Bank at Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital in this case.

So far as the smuggling of chemical/ reagents, used in AIDS kits is concerned, an enquiry was conducted by the Hospital authorities. The reagents kept for incineration was stolen but the culprit was apprehended by the security staff and handed over to the police authorities.

[T*ranslation*]

Veterinary Hospitals in National Parks and sanctuaries

1149. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the facility of veterinary hospital is not available in all the National Parks and Sanctuaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the National Parks and Sanctuaries where veterinary hospital facility has been provided alongwith the year-wise expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The infor-

mation is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Complaints against Wildlife Managers

1150. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints against some Wildlife Managers during the last three years;

(b) if so, the region-wise details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). Enforcement of Wildlife (Protection) Act and Management of National Parks and Sanctuaries is mainly the responsibility of the State Governments and Administrations of Union Territories. There are 413 Sanctuaries and 73 National Parks in the country. The number of Wildlife Managers in the country will be in thousands. There is no system of centralised collection of information about complaints that may have been received in respect of all wildlife functionaries all over the country.

(c) Measures are being taken to ensure that the complaints received are promptly looked into by the concerned authorities. Where such complaints are received by the Central Government they are forwarded to State Chief Wildlife Wardens if they are found guilty. The problems in connection with the administration of protected areas and implementation of Wildlife Conservation programmes are also discussed with Heads of Forestry and Wildlife Departments of States.

Simultaneously, stress is also being laid on in-service training of officials on various aspects of management including techniques of improving public relations.

[*English*]

World Book Fair held in Delhi

1151. SHRI P. M. SAYEED:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment of the achievements of the recent World Book Fair held in the Capital has been made;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to encourage publishers to bring out more books in regional languages; and

(d) the steps taken to make popular books available at reasonable prices?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). No formal assessment has been made. However, the Tenth New Delhi World Book Fair was highly successful in attracting a large number of participants and visitors.

(c) National Book Trust encourages publishers to bring out more books in regional languages under the following schemes:–

(i) the scheme for providing assistance to publishers, authors and illustrators to bring out books for children;

(ii) the scheme for providing assistance